

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION  
CASE NO. 5:20-CV-00123-FL

KELLY STAFFORD; GRASS ROOTS  
NORTH CAROLINA; SECOND  
AMENDMENT FOUNDATION; and  
FIREARMS POLICY COALITION,  
INC.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

GERALD M. BAKER, in his official  
capacity as Sheriff of Wake County,  
North Carolina,

Defendant.

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL**

Pursuant to Local Rule 5.2(c), please take notice that J. Nicholas Ellis of Poyner Spruill LLP, hereby replaces Paul G. Gessner of the Wake County Sheriff's Office, as counsel for Defendant Gerald M. Baker in the above-entitled action. Mr. Ellis is aware of and will comply with all pending deadlines in the case, including any scheduled trial or hearings.

Respectfully submitted this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, J. Nicholas Ellis, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing **NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL** has been electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record per the CM/ECF system.

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